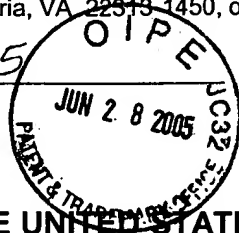


Express Mail Label No.: **EV 336 038 615 US**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

Date:

6/28/05



By:

Valerie J. Sterling
 Valerie J. Sterling
PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Fuerst, *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/769,066

FILED: January 24, 2001

**FOR: HEPATITIS E VIRUS ANTIGENS AND USES
THEREFOR**

EXAMINER: Foley, Shanon A.

ART UNIT: 1648

CONF. NO: 7789

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

**Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
☐ Other

- b. ☒ Enclosed Amendment and Response
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,810.00.
- ☒ Return postcard

2. Extension of Time:

- ☒ Applicant requests a three-month extension of time.

3. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- a. ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,810.00 to cover the following fees:
 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
\$790.00 (large entity)
 - ☒ Three-month extension of time
\$1,020.00 (large entity)
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or refund any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
Perkins Coie LLP



Jacqueline F. Mahoney
Registration No. 48,390

Date: June 28, 2005

Correspondence Address:

Customer No. 22918
(650) 838-4300